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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 7449

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TAGS: PINS, SREF, HK, VS  
SUBJECT: HONG KONG FLIGHTS FROM SAIGON DURING JUNE

REF: HONG KONG 6469 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. CATHAY PACIFIC FLEW TWO EVACUATION  
FLIGHTS FROM SAIGON TO HONG KONG DURING JUNE. THE FLIGHTS,  
WHICH OCCURRED ON JUNE 11 AND 24, CARRIED 166 AND 161  
PASSENGERS RESPECTIVELY BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
HONG KONG "BELONGERS" AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO HAVE ARRIVED  
ON THESE SPECIAL FLIGHTS SINCE DECEMBER TO 1439, END  
UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HOPES  
TO HAVE A FLIGHT EACH WEDNESDAY FOR NINE WEEKS STARTING  
JULY 6. THIS SERIES OF FLIGHTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE  
EVACUATION OF AN ESTIMATED 1400 PERSONS STILL IN SAIGON  
HOLDING HK ENTRY VISAS. A HK OFFICIAL OBSERVED,  
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HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 10,000 APPLICA-  
TIONS FOR HK ENTRY VISAS STILL PENDING AND HK  
IMMIGRATION IS RECEIVING ABOUT 3,000 NEW APPLICATIONS  
MONTHLY WITH NO DROP EXPECTED UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR.

3. THE VIETNAMESE ARE REPORTEDLY COOPERATIVE IN  
ASSISTING THESE "FOREIGNERS" (CHINESE) TO LEAVE AND

POINT OUT THAT THEY HAVE EVEN LET VIETNAMESE DEPART (VIETNAMESE WIVES, IN-LAWS OVER 50 AND CHILDREN). SRV OFFICIALS, NOTING THAT HONG KONG IS A CHINESE COMMUNITY, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE HKG MAY WISH TO TAKE THE REST OF THE "FOREIGNERS" (THERE BEING AN ESTIMATED 1.5 MILLION CHINESE IN THE SOUTH). THE VIETNAMESE ARE NOT PRESSING THE MATTER AND THE HKG, FOR ITS PART, HAS REPLIED THAT IT WILL CONSIDER THAT ISSUE AS SOON AS THE EVACUATION OF PERSONS CLOSELY RELATED TO HK RESIDENTS IS COMPLETED.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN THE OVER-CROWDED CONDITIONS ALREADY EXISTING IN THE COLONY, THE CHANCES OF THE HKG TAKING ONE PERSON MORE THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY ARE ZERO. CROSS

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